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NEW BOOKS.

Hardly a Tremendous Play. daurice Macterlinck's play of "Mary Alexander translated, by de Mattos (Dodd, Mead and is not extremely impressive as reading. It consists largely of et representation. Incidents of the story are related by the characters alac. There is considerable quota om the Scriptures, "Who is t forth as the morning, fair as the turn to. with banners?" That speech is

variously local, perturbe is not presented on the

at it is made known by the obthe players that a crowd he rocks?" and the answer is oming out of the tombs." The

the hedge is heard, "absolute gn of space and the hour, a wondersoft and all newerful, intoxia stone at her." The growd disappears through the hedge errace as the curtain falls. is the first act. In the second

Magdalenc's villa at Bethany | well. the characters makes an amazing s are about to open, the spirits We have just admired an ununspeakable, unheard of phein again before the death of the These words are the beginning

"it was apparently a One of the characters y a dead man," and another character , "It was a real, a terrible dead The last mentioned character lies the more startling passages of He says in relating what wed upon the command to come forth: e heard only the sound of the wind ng the garments of the multitude

The dead man, obeying the esting than most novels slowly bent in two; then snapping e bandage that fastened his legs he ood up erect like a stone, all white, with arms bound and his head veiled. With small, almost impossible steps, ruided by the light he came forth from the

As this disturbing description is duded Lazarus himself appears. Verus. the Roman soldier, accosts him. "It is well for you," says Verus, "that my pity stronger than my indignation. Go!" marrus pays no attention to him. He says Mary Magdalene: "Come. The Master Magdalene clings to Verus It is plain that the jealous Roman is inapable of understanding. He says to Lozarus: "You I will not touch with my sword. It shrinks from corpses, even when they walk and drive the trade which you do. It is for the slaves to show you the road back to the sepulchre. But before going look at this and tell your master that the woman whom he covets by the gods, he lacks neither taste nor daring! has sought a refuge in these arms, which will know how to defend her against his

barbarous witcheraft and his childish Notwithstanding this, releasing erself from her lover's embrace Magdalene follows Lazarus as he goes slowly

The third and last act has its scene in e house of Joseph of Arimathea. Magpleads with her lover to save the He makes a condition. This avolves her own fall from a newly found Verus makes it known to the asblage that at a word from her the graces will be spared. She is imporited to say the word. She remains silent. s tumult in the street. It is made we that the Nazarene is going by on way to Pilate. The Roman lover we his offer. Magdatene rejects it. stands in a trance. The curtain goes

annot believe that this stage version New Testament story will greatly the world

A Sociological Solution.

iz out the subway, for that way many ways. It is demonstrated as bly as are the profits for raising cultivating deserted farms

expenses. No debts and no lity of being discharged withf his own and the modern as-"a man is too old at 40." in every business. The author's crude Americans; the humor of her

solution of his problem, therefore, affects nearly all who are not working for themselves. He sketches his boyhood and draws a realistic and rather cruel picture of the suburban community in which he and his fellow clerks lived, spending all they earned in the effort to keep up their standard of respectability. magine that friendship and fellowship are possible even in such conditions and begin to doubt the reality of the author's story when we find that he and his wife made no real friends in the dozen years smoke, perfumed with myrrh they lived among them. Not friends nkin case?" "Who is she that that could help, but friends they could

Cast out of this suburban paradise, the author determined to tackle America as though he were an immigrant newly landed. He had a couple of hundred dollars left from the sale of his belongings and a wife who was a paragon. He issued of praising me. took a flat in a tenement filled with Italmight of my Cartha- ians, went to a contractor and was hired besides twelve of my finest to dig at \$1.50 a day. His wife managed and, what I leed even more, my so well that they put by a dollar the first man percock and all the muranae week, and she held down the expense to an \$8 a week basis ever after. He became a foreman with increased wages. and after a while a contractor on his own hook. He gives detailed accounts of ted persons is seeking the household expenses and sample bills of The question is asked: "Who fare to show how this was done. In his e extraordinary creatures leaping new life he became interested in his Italian and Irish fellow laborers, he discovered They are the men possessed by the many opportunities for instruction and entertainment that the city provides. resents a terrace overlooking libraries, museums, parks, night and trade which ends in a laurel hedge, schools, concerts and so on; he profited by them, as did his little son. He also players afford the information learned Italian so as to be able to talk he other side of the hedge is the to the men working with him; he went Simon the leper. Presently into politics and undertook a civic reform. From the moment he took the plunge, might think of him, everything went well,

throwing aside all thought of what people h ardor, light and love, distant His wife, whose virtues were incomparable, took hold with equal vigor; y soul." The voice utters part inspired him, she helped him out of diffi-ermon on the Mount. Magdalene, culties, she regretted nothing she had inspired him, she helped him out of difficresistibly drawn. She goes left behind; she reformed her neighbors. the hodge and passes through His boy drew no harm from his surroundgry cries greet her. She reap-ollowed by a "yelling and gesticu-provement were all efficient; his efforts The voice is heard: "He to purify politics had good results. It without sin among you, let him is all demonstrated like an example in arithmetic; nowhere do the hindrances appear. The reader may be sceptical

with reason in this latter part as to whether

he is listening to real experiences or to

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There are not many clerks of 40, we "Death no longe" exists! fear, who could do a day's work shovelling dirt, with the best of intentions, and fewer ed to show themselves; the gods who could keep it up for a week. Even the most devoted and self-sacrificing of wives would find it difficult, even with directions. to keep a family of three fed on three or that has never been seen since four dollars a week, without a good deal rst rose upon the world, that will of experience. Pleasing as the testimony is to the good qualities of Italian laborers ogue in which is related the mir- Americans to live with them for any it would require more than grit for many of the raising of Lazarus from the length of time. The author calls atten-In the course of the narrative tion to many things that escape most the Roman lover of Magdalene, people; the opportunities for improvement provided at the public expense, men whose health left nothing to for instance, though he found them more efficacious than most people do; the ad-. I am convinced that it was vantage the laborers have over the middle class in the provision for free medical advice and hospitals; the possibility of starting at home, as if in a new country, by doing as the foreign immigrants do He strikes at one root of existing evils by showing how much money is wasted in living up to the social requirements of neighbors for whom people have little the buzzing of the flies that swarmed sympathy. His "way out," save as a the grave. All eyes were so firmly suggestion, can, however, help very few upon the corpse that I saw, so to in the class from which he says he their motionless beams, as one emerged. It hardly solves the problem the sunbeams in a dark room. Sud- of "the man who is too old at forty." feely it became plain, terrifying, super- The book reads easily, and is more inter-

and other experts who have either superinformation contained in it. In form and binding the book resembles much the well known "Statesman's Year Book," and the expectation may be that it will do for America what that book does for the British possessions and the rest of the world. At present, however, its scope seems to be different.

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Fiction.

tractive accounts of personal nowadays that Mrs. W. K. Clifford's and fanciful talent. written and very interesting Company) makes the impression of a a matter that affects vitally charming novelty. The plot is one of and purports to relate a real the oldest in fletion, the removal of a disclaims all sym- father's reasonable opposition to his "Fundamentals in Education, Art and Civics, "Fundamentals in Education, Art and Civics, "Fundamentals in Education, Art and Civics, and Wagnation of the control of The author disclaims all sym- father's reasonable opposition to his The author disclaims all symfather's reasonable opposition to his "Fundamentals in Education, Art and Civics." There was no class in his letter as to whethe
sociological theories or efforts non's marrying a charming girl; there is George Lansing Raymond, dunk and Wagnalis he meant the healing theory and the nine the poor; he professes to deal no purpose discernible, unless the author is making fun of theories of heredity. and himself at nearly 40 with a and the psychology is all on the surface. ten-year-old boy to support. The story proceeds in as leisurely a of a comfortable business manner as one of Trollope's; it is laid in a respectable salary be- delightful scenes; the people are pleasant firm that employed him wished and talk the language of good society sanely and brightly, with no effort at and nobody willing to employ smartness. The reader will like them, at is a fate that hangs over even though they stand for types, and ery salaried man in the country, will be sorry to part with them. There may be too much discussion of the ques- w. tion of heredity, but it is done lightly. and there may be difference of opinion the man was a clerk, but the regarding the mother's preserving silence affects teachers, salesmen, em. The author is kind to her two rather

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not inspect carefully. The result is a character types Norman Duncan, the distance of horror called "The Phantom of the Opera" (the Bobbs-Merrill Company). the Opera" (the Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis) intended to make the reader's flesh creep. That effect would be attained more completely if the author was not more interested in the story of a rugged six foot.

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